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INFLATIONS.

  
**AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.**  
 CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
 Find permission and under the Dis-  
 tinguished Patronage of Colonel BARBARO, C.B.,  
 King Troops in China and Straits  
 Colonies; Colonel HALL, Commanding Royal  
 Artillery; Colonel STUART, Commanding Royal  
 Engineers; Colonel SHERBYNTOFT, Staff, Colonel  
 28th Regiment; and Heads of Depart-

...giving a Performance  
 OF THE INDIAN FAMINE,  
 on  
 FRIDAY, the 17TH NOVEMBER, 1877.  
 .....Corporal SMART,  
 .....BAND 28TH REGIMENT.  
 which will be produced Mr. MORTON'S  
 much admired Comedy in Two Acts,  
 entitled  
 "HODCOCK'S LITTLE GAME"  
 .....

here are the Friends of my Youth,"  
 Band-Sergeant BULL, 28th.  
 to conclude with the Laughable Farce of  
 "JACKIE'S LOVE LETTER."  
 and permission of Colonel DICKINS and  
 the Band of the 23rd Regiment will  
 attendance.  
 Admission—Upper Boxes, 62, Pit, 51.  
 may be obtained from Messrs. LANE,  
 and Co., Club House, Hongkong Ho-  
 tel, 28th Nov. 1877, or from Messrs. R.  
 and from all Pay Sergeants, and at the  
 the Night of Performance.  
 open at 8.30 p.m.  
 performance to commence at 9 p.m.  
 God Save the Queen!  
 Hong, 14th November, 1877. [1683  
 ENTIRE CHORAL SOCIETY.  
 CERT AT THE TEMPERANCE  
 HALL.

TEMPERANCE HALL, on  
**MONDAY EVENING,**  
 November 19th, 1877.

**PROGRAMME.**

**PART I.**

and CHORUS..... "Lordly Gallants."  
 and CHORUS..... "Rosabel."  
 and CHORUS..... "The Fisher Boy's  
 Song."  
**VIOLIN and PIANO.** "Blue Bells of Scot-  
 land," with Variations.  
 and CHORUS..... "Mother would you  
 for me."  
 and CHORUS..... "I call you Ladies  
 now on Land."  
 and CHORUS..... "Maggie Dale."

**PART II.**

AND CHOIR. "Sweet Evellina."  
 TO SOLO (Duet). "Yogilia Dize."  
 VIOLIN accompaniment. "Gloria Klidlar."  
 "Amore."  
 VIOLIN AND PIANO. "Trombador."  
 MELODY. "Ruffa, Hurts me."  
 MELODY. "The Nig that  
 always langes."  
**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**  
 6d each, can be had Messrs. LANE  
 FORD & Co's; or at the TEMPERANCE  
 Store, Stanley Street.  
 TO BE HAD AT 8 P.M.  
 TUESDAY, 14th November, 1874. [1864  
**STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.**  
 E. F. & O. B. N. Co's Steamship  
**"SUNDA."**  
 Leaves for the above place shortly after the  
 of the Steamship "THIBET" with the  
 English Mail.  
**ADAM LIND,**  
 Superintendent.  
 SINGAPORE, 14th November, 1874.  
**STEAM TO SHANGHAI.**

are for the above place about 24 hours  
after arrival with the next English Mail.

ADA M LIND,  
Superintendent.

Kiangkong, 14th November, 1877.

ANDREW'S BAL L,  
TO BE HELD IN THE  
CITY HALL,  
on  
FRIDAY, the 30TH NOVEMBER.

DESCRIPTION LIST is to be seen at the  
cock CLUB, and with Messrs. MACGOWEN,  
KEL & Co., Messrs. GEO. FALCONER &  
and Messrs. LAKE, CRAWFORD & Co.

The List will be Closed the 24th instant.

Kiangkong, 9th November, 1877. [174]657

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**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.**

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

**SHANGHAI** per Company's Steamer  
**"DIOMED"**  
 Having notified the Cargo is being dis-  
 charged to Craft, & landed at the Godowns of  
 undersigned; in both cases it will lie at  
 owner's risk. The Cargo will be ready for  
 removal from Craft or Godown on and after the  
 17th November, 1877.  
 Goods undelivered after the 17th November,  
 will be subject to Rent.  
**AGENTS** GEORGE HENRI SWIRE, Agents,  
 12th November, 1877. [1859]

**M LONDON, LIVERPOOL, BOMBAY,**  
**AND SINGAPORE.**

**"E" Tonan's Steamship**  
**"CITY OF LIMERICK"**  
 Having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
 notified that their Goods are being landed at  
 risk and stored in the Godowns of the  
 undersigned, whence & from the Wharf or  
 Godown delivery may be obtained.  
 Consignee Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai  
 on notice to the contrary is given before  
 10 O'CLOCK P.M. TO DAY.  
 Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th  
 inst will be subject to rent.  
 Fire Insurance has been effected.  
 Goods undelivered after the 12th inst  
 Consignees have signed the Average Bond, by  
**BIRLEY & Co.,**  
 Agents. [1857]

**22nd November, 1877.**  
**M LONDON AND SINGAPORE.**

**"E" Steamship**  
**"RADNORSHIRE"**  
 Having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
 notified that their Goods are being landed at  
 risk and stored in the Godowns of Messrs.  
 Messers & Co., Duddell Street, whence & from  
 Wharf or these delivery may be obtained.  
 Consignee Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai  
 on notice to the contrary is given before  
 10 O'CLOCK P.M. TO DAY.  
 Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th

Agents.  
Hongkong, 17th October, 1877. [1556]



## NOTICE.

**THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY**  
For 1878.  
(With which has been incorporated "THE CHINA DIRECTORY.")

The Publishers request that those Firms who have not yet returned the Printed Forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be kind enough to do so WITHOUT DELAY. Any Persons who have recently arrived, or to whom Printed Forms have not been forwarded, are desired to send their Names and Addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, November 12th, 1877.

## NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that I have placed Mr. R. CHATTERTON WILCOX in Charge of the Printing and Publishing Business carried on at the Daily Press Office from this date, and it is further notified that Mr. WILCOX has entered into an Agreement with me as LESSEE of that Business, to commence on the 1st January, 1878.

YORK JONES MURROW,  
by his Attorneys  
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, 7th November, 1877.

## NOTICE.

**A. S. WATSON AND CO.,**  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING  
CHEMISTS.  
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and his Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,  
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,  
DRUGGISTS, SUNDRIES,  
AND  
PREPARED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS RE-FITTED,  
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the FIRM, A. S. WATSON AND CO.,  
HONGKONG DISPENSARY, 168

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.  
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name. All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 14th, 1877.

We revert again to-day to Mr. HENNESSY's budget. In dealing with the revenue, His Excellency entered exhaustively into details, and afforded the colonists plenty of food for thought. The financial statement made by Mr. HENNESSY cannot fail to be satisfactory, seeing that he was able to estimate next year's revenue at over a million dollars, an estimate never equalled in the history of the Colony. Seeing, however, that the expenditure of 1876 was higher than the revenue, and that the revenue was lower than that of the preceding year, the Governor has very rightly turned his attention to the sources from whence it is derived, with the object of stimulating it as far as possible. Moreover, if the improvements and alterations planned by Mr. HENNESSY are to be carried out, it will be absolutely necessary that the revenue should be increased. This must not be effected by additional taxation. The taxes are already quite sufficiently heavy, and in these hard times any increase of this burden would be strongly objected to. The fact that the Government is practically despotic does not free it from responsibility, and it should be all the more careful on that account not to plunge the Colony into expense.

Fortunately for the Colony the revenue derived from land and rents is growing yearly, owing to the improvements that have been made and the augmented value of property in the Colony. But from this source no very large increase can be looked for. From the licenses, however, as Mr. HENNESSY points out, some substantial addition may be made. The spirit retailers probably pay the maximum, but the opium farmer certainly does not yield what it might. The Governor showed that while the population of the Colony is palpably increasing, the amount paid by the opium farmer for his profitable monopoly is annually declining. Further, while the Chinese population of the Straits Settlements is considerably less than that of Hongkong the opium farms there are let for nearly eight times the sum paid by the farmer here. It is also to be borne in mind that the local consumption here by no means represents the amount of the drug prepared, for the whole of the opium exported to California and Australia—a yearly increasing quantity—is manufactured here. It is much to Mr. HENNESSY's credit that he has so quickly discovered this anomaly, and we sincerely trust that he will soon turn his discovery to account. No doubt in any effort to obtain an increase in the trade he will be met by a combination, and in any case he will resort to the threat he employed at Tientsin—that the Government itself would work it before he succeeded in selling it at an advanced rate. But there is no possible doubt that the farm is at present let at too small a figure, and that the farmer can well afford to pay a much larger rent. At the same time the Government, if it exacts a higher rental from the opium farmer, will be bound to afford him all possible protection against attempts to defraud him of his profits. At one time some persons on the mainland in Chinese territory took to preparing opium and managed to export some of it to Australia and California. Such practices would have to be guarded against, and if the farmer paid the maximum sum for his monopoly he would be entitled to ask the police to exercise a vigilant eye upon those persons known to have been illegally engaged in preparing the drug.

The course taken by His Excellency in reference to enforcing observance of the Stamp Act by the natives is both wise and just. Hitherto they have evaded the provisions of the Ordinance, greatly to the

loss of the revenue, as will be perceived in the light of the collector's estimate that twenty-five thousand dollars per annum will be added to the receipts from stamps by compelling the Chinese to comply with the requirements of the Ordinance. It was eminently unfair to British and foreign merchants that the native traders should escape the obligations of the Stamp Ordinance, and we are glad to note the recent proclamation and the measures taken to make the natives aware that the stamps must be used.

A small increase is recorded in the revenue derived from the licenses to junks, and Mr. HENNESSY notices this with much gratification, for, as he says, the junk trade is intimately associated with the commercial prosperity of the Colony. While, however, we join in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency upon the increase shown in this trade, we cannot be blind to the fact that it would be much greater but for the harassing blockade kept up by the Canton revenue cruisers. It is to be hoped that the Governor will not lose sight of this circumstance, or he may, like Sir BROOKS ROBERTSON, form erroneous conclusions on this much vexed question. So far the Governor has not had occasion to touch upon this vitally important subject, for the Commission to inquire into it will not be appointed, we presume, until the Chfoo Convention has been ratified, but it is to be hoped that he will take a firm stand upon it.

So much for the revenue; we now turn to the estimated expenditure for 1878. The additional two thousand dollars tacked on to the vote for the Public Gardens, to facilitate the work of planting the island with trees, will certainly not be questioned or evaded by any of the residents. The beneficial effect which trees are known to exercise on the climate in modifying it, and the wonderful improvement effected in the appearance of the place by them are sufficient to justify great exertions being made to redress Hongkong from its present barren appearance. That trees will grow has been abundantly demonstrated, and were proof wanted the thriving young plantations on the hill sides above the commencement of Kennedy Road would convince the most sceptical. The desirability of rendering the island more habitable and healthy is increased by the fact that people have now to make up their mind to a longer term of residence upon it than in the old times when money was made quickly. If Mr. HENNESSY did nothing else but secure the carrying out of this work, he would by it alone render his administration memorable.

The proposal of Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY to convert the Lock Hospital into a Civil Hospital is supported by Mr. HENNESSY, who asks the Council to vote \$17,000 for a new building for the former institution. When this proposed new building is completed the work of converting the present one to the requirements of the Civil Hospital will be undertaken, and Mr. HENNESSY hopes this will be in 1879, the estimated cost being \$40,000. The scheme is a good one, and it is only to be regretted that more than another year must elapse before there is any immediate prospect of the hospital being removed from the utterly inadequate building in Holywood Road.

A sum of \$116,000 is asked for police station extension and improvements. This expenditure is no doubt rendered necessary by the increase in the outlying villages, and it was also time that something should be done with regard to the water-policing. The bulk in which they are lodged is far too small for the proper accommodation of the number of men engaged in the service, and we believe, has been so certified by the medical officers of the Colony. It was rumored that the bulk was to be done away with and a water-policing station built in some convenient position on shore, and this probably was the expensive project to which His Excellency referred as having been originally contemplated, but which he thought would be avoided by procuring steam launches and by this means rendering a reduction of the water police necessary. The manner in which the idea of having steam launches has dawned upon the Governor's mind is rather curious. He says it struck him whilst on a short visit to Macao the other week. This is very much like going from Newmarket for coats, for the idea is by no means a new one, and the desirability of procuring steam launches for police service has been repeatedly insisted on here. However, if a visit to Macao produces such valuable results it is to be hoped His Excellency will often go there.

The next important item is that for the Central School. The site has been paid for, and has cost about \$25,000. A vote of \$25,000 is put down for the building, but it is to be regretted that His Excellency has not a little more explicit as to what his views really are regarding that valuable institution. It is generally been supposed that he looks upon it with no friendly eye, and there was nothing in his speech to dissipate that impression. The ostensible reason for the delay is a reference to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in accordance with the colonial regulations, but it will no doubt depend entirely upon His Excellency's representations on the subject as to how long the delay shall be, or whether the scheme shall be abandoned altogether. We hope the wishes of the Colony will not be disregarded in this matter, and rumor is often the forerunner of truth, and it has been hinted that the site selected for the new school has already been thought of for other purposes. There is no indication at present that the rumor is unfounded.

The next item is one of \$25,000 for a breakwater for the protection of the junk population in typhoons. A report on this scheme will be published in a few days, and until that appears it is impossible to form any opinion on the work, as His Excellency did not go into the details. On the face of it \$25,000 seems an absurdly small sum for carrying out any work of practical utility, and it is questionable how far any breakwater would benefit the junk population. A few crooks somewhat larger than Bowditch Canal would probably be a more effectual shelter, and there are places in the Colony where the earth excavated could be used with advantage in filling up the surrounding low-lying ground. However, the Governor's scheme is backed up by the approval of competent men, and the report upon it will be looked for with interest.

The Chief Justice estimates for \$10,000. His Excellency asks for this sum to commence the separate system with the amount is not a large one, but if it is to become an annual charge on the Colony for an indefinite number of years, or is the thin end of the wedge introducing a future requisition for a much larger vote, the whole question ought to be gone into more fully than it has yet been. That the separate system is the best system for a goal no one will dispute, and if it can be adopted here at a reasonable cost, well and good, but Hongkong is peculiarly circumstanced with regard to its criminal population, and before any further very considerable expenditure is incurred for this class of the population it ought to be shown beyond reasonable doubt that the Colony will get its money's worth in the better repression of crime. The removal of juvenile offenders, female prisoners, and lunatics, are matters on which there can be no difference of opinion. The treatment of lunatics has long been a difficulty in this Colony, and there have undoubtedly been, as the Governor said, cases of great hardship. The sum asked for the provision of a lunatic asylum with accommodation for eighteen patients is a small one, \$5,000, and the annual charge for its maintenance will not be considerable.

His Excellency next referred to the establishment of a time-ball. For this purpose, he said, an observatory must be established, and the sum he asks for is \$5,000. The work would unquestionably be one of great utility, but it is doubtful whether it could be carried out for the amount set down for the purpose. However, no reasonable amount would be begrudged for the accomplishment of so desirable an end.

It is satisfactory to find that at last something is to be done in relation to our system of interpretation. What that something is does not yet appear, but now that the subject has been seriously taken in hand no doubt some substantial improvement in this important branch of the Government service will be effected. It is inconceivable that the department should have been allowed to remain so long in its present disgraceful state. During the last six or seven years we have repeatedly drawn attention to the injustice under which Chinese suitors and criminals laboured in having, no reliable means of communication with the Court, and at last the leading merchants, the leading members of the bar, and the judges have availed to the fact that the interpretation of the Colony is deplorably bad. In carrying out any new scheme which may be adopted, of course care will be taken that no injustice shall be done to old servants who have served the Colony long and faithfully to the best of their ability, and who were at one time, the most competent men to be found for the post. Whilst on the subject of interpretation, His Excellency made a few remarks which no doubt further consideration will show him to be ill-advised. He threw cold water, so to speak, on the Board of Chinese Examiners, and on the study of Chinese by Government officials. Now the study of Chinese by young men in the Government service is a thing which ought to be warmly encouraged. While it is absolutely necessary to have a few well trained interpreters for court duties, it is also most desirable that European officials generally should have some knowledge of the language, so that they may not be entirely dependent on their native interpreters. Although the Board of Examiners have not trained a single interpreter, they have rendered most valuable service in this latter respect, and so far from giving up their work we would suggest that they should extend their operations to the public generally, and be empowered to grant official certificates of proficiency in Chinese to any persons who might present themselves, for examination and be able to pass.

The last subject of interest noticed by His Excellency was the desirability of inducing the respectable Chinese to establish their family houses in the Colony. This is an object which it is worth while "straining every nerve" to use the Governor's own words, to accomplish, but there are many difficulties in the way, and it is doubtful whether it will ever be possible to induce Chinese merchants to look upon Hongkong as their home, or in any other light than that in which it is regarded by Europeans, namely, a trading station in which they desire to amass a competence as soon as possible and then retire to a more agreeable place to live.

The balance sheet for the present year certainly looks healthy, and it will be eminently satisfactory if the Governor's anticipations of being able to present even a more favorable one next year are fulfilled.

The Taoist of Peking, who is eighty-five years of age and has just retired from office, arrived here yesterday in the steamship *Douglas* on his way to his native place.

The fighting in Armenia is evidently getting very hot. Kars still holds out, the commander of the Russian forces there having declared that he will resist to the last extremity. We await with interest the issue of the Russian assault on this important position.

As will be observed, by reference to an advertisement in another column, the Garrison Amateur Dramatic Society intend giving a performance in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on Saturday next, in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund. There will be a dress rehearsal to-morrow night.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.  
SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

[BY SOUTHERN LINE.]

LONDON, 12th November.  
THE RUSSO-TURKISH WAR.  
The Russians have commenced to bombard Batumi.  
According to a Turkish official despatch from Kars, the Russians have summoned the garrison to surrender in twenty-four hours. The Turkish Commander has refused, and declared he will resist the enemy to the last extremity.

RIDING ON KENNEDY ROAD.  
To THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."  
Sir,—Last night I was rather astonished to see a horse and rider coming behind me, whilst walking with a lady on Kennedy Road. It was completely dark (8 o'clock), and we had just a few yards in which to let the rider pass. I think we have not so many places here in Hongkong where we can walk, and I am quite sure that His Excellency the late Governor did not make that road for riding or driving purposes; at all events it is a very dangerous thing to pass horses there, and I think it rather strange that one rider should be allowed to disturb and frighten many pedestrians. There are plenty of other places for riding—Yours, &c.,  
Hongkong, 13th November, 1877.

PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE.  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."  
Sir,—It is an old saying that "example is better than precept." Our Governor seems to preach to his subordinates to do as he says but he does what he says. I am quite sure that as early in each month as the expenditure for the succeeding month can be foreseen the heads of departments should send in their requisitions for the Governor's approval, and he should not wait until the month is nearly over before he sends in his requisition. A very humble individual takes the liberty of asking if it is not also a precept of the Governor to do as he says? Is the Governor's expenditure for the succeeding year can be foreseen the heads of departments should send home their estimates to the Secretary of State for his approval, and he should not wait until the month is nearly over before he sends in his requisition. A very humble individual takes the liberty of asking if it is not also a precept of the Governor to do as he says? 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